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Country of Origin Labeling Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA William T. Session, Assoc. Deputy of Admin. Stop 0249 Room 2092-S 1400 Independence Ave. SW Washington, DC 20250-0249

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I operate a family owned pecan farm. We have 860 acres of pecan orchards. These orchards have trees of various ages. Our family has invested three generations in the production of pecans and it is our intention to invest many more generations in this segment of American agriculture.

Country of Origin Labeling would provide U.S. pecan growers the opportunity to showcase their high quality commodity not only to U.S. consumers, but also to the export consumer.

I respectfully request that you take the appropriate steps to include pecans in the Country of Origin Labeling Bill.

Thank you for your efforts in this request.

Sincerely,

Bill McWilliams